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Miss Cheryl Faust
1324 Leland
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219

Dear Miss Faust:

President Johnson has referred to this Department the correspondence of October 31, 1968, from you and several other persons concerning the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused slayer of Robert F. Kennedy. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Mr. Sirhan is being held in the Los Angeles County Jail pending trial. Since this case is under the jurisdiction of the State of California, it would not be proper for this Department to comment on its status.

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The President wants you to know that he appreciates your writing to express an interest in the current affairs of our country.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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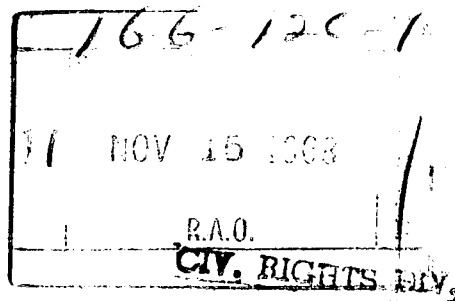
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Dear Mr. President,

We would truly like to know what has happened to Sirhan Sirhan. We have been told that the trial has been set back many times. If so, why? It seems to us that there has been enough time to prepare for a trial.

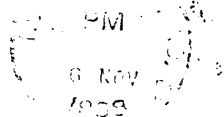
We would very much like you to answer our questions.

Michael Scanlon
Daniel Meier
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Yours truly,
Oren Faust
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President Johnson
White House
Washington
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DEC 16 1968

Mr. Howard Schultz
E-10 Camelot Apartments
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear Mr. Schultz:

This is in reply to your correspondence of
October 30, 1968, requesting statistical information.
Please excuse our delay in responding.

The Department of Justice does not have
available for distribution the information you re-
quested.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Howard Schyitz

E-10 Camelot Dpts

Chapel Hill, N.C.

27514

October 30, 1968

Dear Sirs;

I would appreciate your sending me any information (statistics especially) concerning guns and murders, accidental deaths, and suicides that guns are involved in. Also, if possible, I could use statistics on the reaction (telegrams) after Robt. Kennedy's slaying. Any additional information for my term paper would be appreciated. I need this urgently.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Howard Schultz

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DEC 3 1968

Miss Marilyn Anderson
516 Carey Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01104

Dear Miss Anderson:

President Johnson has asked us to reply to
your letter of October 7, 1968, concerning
Sirhan Sirhan.

Since the trial is currently in progress,
it would not be appropriate for us to comment at
this time.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

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Dear President Johnson

I am a Wise at the
Shyers Hosp in Springfield, Mass. I want
to tell you that I admire you very much you
have been a most wonderful President. I would
like to ask you this how could a wonderful
man like Robert Kennedy be shot down
so God Bless! & his killer pls don't

OCT 21 1968

even a citizen of our Country is being
treated like a king why is his Case taking so
long I just heard now his Case will not
be heard till 1969 - we all know how quickly
why the best of. & then if & when he is brought
into Court & given a few yrs & then he is out
again to kill some one ~~else~~ else. I would
sure like to know the reason for this that
you say much for Pres Lunt & Ed Bless you Marilyn
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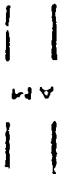


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President Lyndon B Johnson
Washington, D.C.

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DEC 3 1968

Mrs. Joe Lazaneo, Jr.
721 3rd Street
Gilroy, California 95020

Dear Mrs. Lazaneo:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence of October 17, 1968.

The strength of our nation lies in its adherence to law which protects the individual. There are many safeguards in our legal system which ensure the individual the time and opportunities to defend himself against criminal charges. Sometimes, it appears as if this is "protecting the criminal", but, in reality, it is guaranteeing his freedoms under the Constitution.

Crimes such as murder are generally within the jurisdiction of state and local authorities and the Department of Justice has the authority to intervene only in those instances where the violation of some federal criminal statute is indicated. When this is the case, this Department does, indeed, intervene to ensure that justice is carried out.

Your interest in writing to express your views and concern is appreciated.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
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On DEC 9 1968

721-3rd St.
Berkeley, Calif.
Oct. 17, 1968.

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

166-1201

OCT 20 1968

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Sir

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. I feel that there is urgency regarding the contents, and I hope you will bear with me for the fact that it is a copy. I hope also that you will feel it worth your consideration. At the time that I wrote to Attorney-General Clark - I received a copy of the Bill you had passed at that time regarding Safety in the Streets, signed by the Assistant to the Attorney General. However, now as then, as my letter states, that was not what was on my mind. - No doubt, Sir, you, also have felt frustration many times as you have done your best to serve the people best.

Each administration begins with high hopes for a renewed beginning, a fine and admirable sense of dedication, from which come benefits for all of us. There are no more awesome responsibilities nor heartbreating decisions than those solved by you as President.

There is nothing greater that I would wish for you, President Johnson, than that your solution to Viet Nam were successful before you leave office.

I also hope sincerely that you might help Mr. Humphrey to combat the "pat" Campaign of half truths and political "brainwashing" that Mr. Nixon is having managed for himself these days -

In closing, may I wish to Mrs. Johnson, to yourself, and to your two fine daughters every good thing with peace, freedom and relaxation on your Texas ranch.

Altho it is expecting a great deal, I would be most grateful to know your opinion of content of my enclosed letter.

Yours very respectfully
Gladys K. Lazaneo

721 Third St.,
Gilroy, Calif.
Oct. 15, 1968.

The Honorable George W. Milias,
Member of the Assembly, 22nd. District,
State Capitol,
Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

Sir,

This letter is to bring something to your attention that has been on my mind for a long time. Because of your record locally, and your reputation for pursuing something until results are obtained, I hope you will channel this correctly to get maximum results.

Red tape I cannot cut-the channels open to you I do not have, but I have been writing letters. The first was to Eric Sevareid, who in Look Magazine last July had three articles about "America is Pointed in the Right Direction", or some similar title in the face of the senseless assassination of Robert Kennedy. Another was to Walter Cronkite, who permitted Chicago "Boss" Daley to air his views over the network after the disaster that was the Democratic National Convention. Then to Attorney-General Ramsey Clark, when even President Johnson cried out "for God's sake, let us have liberty, but under the law". To Gov. Reagan, asking that ^{second} my letter be properly forwarded addressed to Richard Nixon when he spoke in Santa Clara; to Vice-Pres. Humphrey and Edmund Muskie to Waverly, Minn. as the campaign started. I have received one answer to all these-from Vice-Pres. Humphrey.

The immediate subject is the punishment of the assassins of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. Why the innumerable delays, the careful protection of men caught with smoking guns that commit the crimes? Were circumstantial evidence involved, where the suspect might be wrongfully convicted--but these, along with the killers of Medgar Evers, the three civil rights workers buried under a construction site, the housewife, Mrs. Liuso---all the murderers tried and released with no comparable death penalty. What right has the man to live or even ask for a trial who murdered the 8 student nurses in cold blood?

Under the repeated circumstance of release of these criminals due to all the loopholes and technicalities to be found in the law, justice is so seldom done these days in the top level crimes that real justice is becoming the travesty of our time.

Delays, protection of the criminal, loopholes--these are bad enough, but how much greater compounded is the disgrace of solution when the criminal is remanded to psychiatrists-declared incompetent, unfit, insane--some excuse but so effective, to get them off for rehabilitation. Our latest in the California courts are the two who killed 3 in 3 states, left Susan Bartolome for dead; but she is going thru life without speech and totally paralysed. Now one of these fiends is called a "mental cripple". Today, (10-16-68) the other's sordid background is supposed to minimize his guilt?

The insanity or mental defective bit is the worst of all, and oddly enough continues to get our wholehearted cooperation in the courts. Our society could become saturated with these whom the optimists wish to rehabilitate. If statistics were known, how many of these, from rapists to murderers, are released for a second chance which only turns into the opportunity to repeat the offense--often more savagely than the first time? Why, in our society, do the courts permit the lives of these deviates to be so carefully treated? How long would it have taken justice to be done thru regular channels, if the peculiar, cancer-ridden little man who did not care about himself had not shot Lee Harvey Oswald? And what would the verdict have been?

None of the loopholes can be plugged at federal level--it is the responsibility of the states. But always with so much time elapsing to take the edge off of our anger and hatred--to insist on a fair trial when in my estimation no trial is deserved--meanwhile, the murdered ones are gone, and the maimed are left to struggle thru life. Are Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy important enough to our society for justice to be done, at least in these cases, or are they to be let go scot free, or with some insignificant sentence? What became of the way some countries still handle it--punishment fits the crime, and it is carried out in kind? We just might have a far less permissive society if the culprits knew that their lives would be forfeited exactly as they killed or maimed their victims. The idea would be realistically effective; it is not sadistic.

The word, for the average citizen, Mr. Miliias, is frustration--which seems to be the only recourse after the dismay, shock, and helplessness engendered by these acts. We are, also, always hopeful, awaiting a change of administration, etc. ad infinitum. We wait, to what end? Certainly not to have our feelings compounded by the inadequacies of laws or the inactivity of officialdom which seems to harbor, even nurture, the contaminating criminals, rather than eliminating them. How is our best interest served when we cater to the criminals rather than eliminating them? How many more postponements will Sirhan get--along full news coverage with pictures which maintains that the trial was postponed in order not to lock the jurors up over the holidays--since June 6 yet!

Does not the frustrated citizen, Mr. Miliias, have a right to ask: "how long, Oh, Lord, how long," before the courts will eliminate all the delays that favor the criminal's life, in order to dispense punishment as fast and as final as the death or maiming that comes to those attacked?

Questions I have, but answers I do not get--until We read again that yet another of these misfits has not been sentenced to death as they should be. Where could my letter be sent to be most effective? Who is the governor of Tennessee--the state in whose custody we find James Earle Ray, who probably will be released for lack of evidence as are most of the crimes against negroes? What can you do about it in your official capacity? Since state judiciary is involved, would you please bring my letter to their attention also?

Very truly yours,

Paula K. Lazaneo
(Mrs. Joe Lazaneo, Jr.)

CANDIDATE NIXON NOT only do
he "brainw

'Law and Order' many are beginning to see he is Stand Dangerous a danger to our country

By TOM WICKER
The New York Times

During a recent Richard Nixon rally at the Pacific Auditorium in Santa Monica, local policemen began urgently pushing along a group of long-haired picketers gathered outside. Whereupon these members of the witty and sassy younger generation dumbfounded them by setting up the chant:

"Raise police salaries!
Raise police salaries!"

The cops can hardly rough up anybody demonstrating for that kind of goal and, in fact, the picketers were making a better point than the presidential candidate who was orating inside the packed hall. Everywhere Nixon goes, he is calling for strict law enforcement and promising that "new leadership and a new attorney general" will put a stop to crime — which, presumably, includes street demonstrations and riots.

PROBLEM — Nixon is even proclaiming himself an expert in this area, but for a man who believes himself about to become President, he really is taking dangerous political advantage of the country's undoubted concern about "crime in the streets" and "law and order." The net effect of his campaign could be to present him and his prospective new administration with a far more serious problem than the one Nixon speaks about so forcefully — and which is, to some extent, imaginary.

In Denver, on Sept. 25, as an example, he said that in Washington, D. C., "bus drivers have to carry weapons." In fact, District of Columbia law specifically prohibits them from doing so, and the D. C. Transit Company says it would fire any driver who did.

Nixon relentlessly tells his audiences that "crime" has risen nine times the population increase and three times as fast as it did in the Eisenhower administration. Whatever statistical basis there may be for these assertions, they are obviously too slick, because crime statistics, at best, are inaccurate, incomplete and often misleading, and cannot be employed honestly in such generalities.

GENERALITIES — Nixon offers some other vague generalities to suggest that he also would do something about the social conditions in which crime flourishes, but his primary emphasis always is on tough law enforcement. It is seldom on the improvement of police personnel, techniques, working conditions and understanding, all of which have to precede any really effective law enforcement.

Ironically, this comes at a time when real progress in improving American police work is being made, some of it under the impressive leadership of the one official Nixon never fails to attack — Attorney General Ramsey Clark. The Law Enforcement Assistance Act that Clark nursed through Congress promises even further improvements.

For example, starting salaries for the police in some major cities have edged into the \$8,000 to \$10,000 bracket.

In many localities, educational requirements are rising. In Multnomah County, Oregon, which is mostly the city of Portland, deputy sheriffs now must have a college degree. In the past three years, more than twice as many states have made available college courses in police sciences, and more than twice as many of these courses now exist —



RICHARD NIXON

... Dangerous Advantage

which means at least twice as many professionally trained policemen.

In the same general period, Justice Department officials believe, far more effective police leadership at the top has been developed, at least in the major cities. The social upheavals and urban disorders of recent years have forced mayors and police commissioners to face up to their problems and to take intelligent steps to analyze and deal with them.

EASIER — Thus, as many high-ranking police and Justice Department officials see it, coping with "crime in the streets" is going to become easier in the long run — but coping with policemen may become harder in the short run. The political climate encourages some police forces to strain civil authority, and causes political leaders to be hesitant or ineffective in restraining them. Policemen obviously taking the law into their own hands, in Chicago (a number of indictments will stem from current investigations) are followed, predictably enough, by off-duty policemen beating up black militants in New York City.

It is this political climate that Nixon's tough talk helps to create — although the rabid George Wallace and any number of local demagogues are far worse. Nevertheless, Nixon clearly risks making such a point of "getting tough" that his election will be interpreted by every heavy-handed policeman in the country as a license to beat up somebody — probably somebody poor, black or young, and preferably all three.

Nixon would be entitled to replace Clark but if he should do so with a hard-liner, and then follow that by substituting tough cops for President Johnson's excellent appointments to the new Law Enforcement Assistance Agency, everybody had better get a helmet.

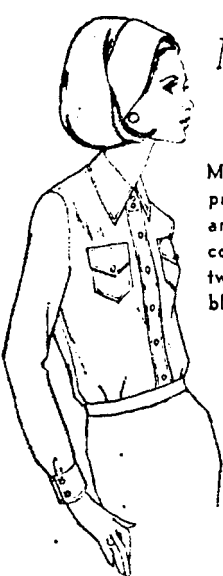
ing their infants. But I can't win the law." Instead of such parents, I hold a check, and merely at their indiscretions. If these two helpless parents and think of how you act:
 Dr. Steincrohn: (Please any English I was born in.) Something worries carrots juice, bananas, spinach and orange juice. That's all. No milk, eggs — nothing. My son-in-law seems so knowledgeable of health food literature, but I have five babies, too.
 I am asking you is a diet such as above sufficient for growing children? They had not gained an ounce in months. The nine-month weighs 12 pounds and



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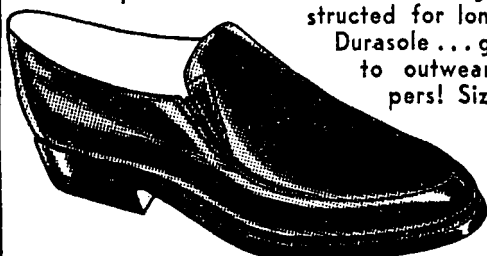
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'Maine, Braun Not Retarded'

By RICK CARROLL
Mercury Staff Writer

Tom Braun is not insane and Gene Maine is not mentally retarded, in the opinion of Dr. Walter Rapaport, former state director of mental hygiene.

He testified Wednesday as a rebuttal witness on the 31st day of the murder-rape-kidnap trial of the two Washington teenagers.

"I found no distorted mental condition or mental illness in Braun," the doctor said, adding that both Braun and Maine had, and still have, the ability to deliberate, premeditate and harbor malice.

Dr. Rapaport's opinion sparked a white-hot verbal battle which brought a stern reprimand to the 73-year-old doctor and defense counsel Merle Orchard from Judge Joseph P. Kelly.

The argument erupted over the method the doctor used to arrive at his conclusion which all but ripped to shreds the defense curtain of insanity.

"My opinion is based entirely on my examination," Dr. Rapaport said. The examination involved questions and answers which the doctor said he interpreted by drawing on his 46 years of experience in psychiatry.

The examination showed Braun is not a schizophrenic, he said but a sociopath.

"You didn't give Braun any psychological tests?" inquired Orchard.

"That's correct," Dr. Rapaport said.

He found "no reason" to give any psychological tests to Braun, he said.

"My diagnosis is based entirely on my examination. I showed no psychiatric disorders"

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Washington Post

The Soviets inflated the treaty signing into a massive ceremonial affair. A large delegation headed by Premier Alexei Kossygin, flew to Prague Wednesday afternoon for the formalities. With him were Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Defense Minister Vassily Kuznetsov, who had done much of the spade work of negotiations here. They were joined by no fewer than 15 Soviet generals.

Significantly, neither Czechoslovak President Ludvik Svoboda or Community Party leader Alexander Dubcek greeted the delegation at the airport nor were any Soviet flags flown there. Informed sources said the atmosphere was "cool" throughout.

But later, the group was received by Svoboda at the president's residence, Hradcany Castle. Thereupon, the signing of the treaty, negotiated piecemeal over several weeks and made final Tuesday in Moscow by Czechoslovak Prime Minister Oldrich Cernik, was signed in the spacious Cernin Palace, the office of the foreign minister.

From the Soviet side, the purpose of the exercise was obviously, to put a purported stamp of legality on the invasion of Czechoslovakia on Aug. 20-21 and to force the victims into a public acknowledgement of the legitimacy of what was patently an illegal foreign invasion.

Hence the treaty, negotiated quite literally at gunpoint. Somewhere between 250,000 and 600,000 Russian troops are now in occupation.

Whatever troops will remain will merely serve as a reminder of the reality of Soviet intention not to let Czechoslovakia get off the Kremlin reservation again as it had, or threatened to during the eight months of Dubcek's liberalization program.

Geneticists Will Share Nobel Prize

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key to its structure" in 1961 and with Holley and Dr. Khorana "proving its structure in detail."

The winners share a cash award equivalent to about \$70,000 and also receive

What will they
say about
Richard
Ray

Defense, when the time comes, Doctor Tangle

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no mental illness, no illness," the doctor said.

Orchard asked if the doctor thought Braun was normal.

"I don't think he was in a normal range or he wouldn't be out shooting, robbing and raping people.

"He is not normal; what he did was not normal."

"Why," Orchard asked, "did he do it? Do you know why?"

"Yes, I know why," the doctor answered, "because he enjoyed it."

"He stole the cars because he wanted a new car. He shot the boy because he wanted to get the girl. He wanted the girl for sexual intercourse. He tried to kill the girl because she knew all about him and he wanted to get her out of the way."

"That's what I know. That's from him—and confirmed."

Dr. Rapaport went on:

"He does what he wants to because he wanted pleasure."

"God or the devil didn't order him to do it. He did it in spite of the fact he knows it's wrong."

"He's a sociopath," the doctor said, "and if a sociopath does it once he'll do it again."

"He bragged about it," Dr. Rapaport said.

"Now, wait just a minute," interrupted Orchard.

"You failed to recognize remorse, isn't that closer to the truth?" he asked the doctor.

"That's correct" Dr. Rapaport said.

"Are you saying you're never wrong in your diagnosis?" Orchard asked.

The doctor exploded.

"I'll gamble everything I've got against a dime there's nothing in the record about that," he shouted.

"Are you never wrong?" Orchard asked.

"Several times I've been wrong," the doctor admitted, adding however that "most defendants withdraw their plea of insanity after getting my report."

Orchard touched another soft spot by saying, "After Dr. Rapaport reaches a conclusion, there's not much use in proceeding."

"That's not true," shouted the sputtering doctor.

Judge Kelly called a halt to the verbal tiff.

"I've sat here long enough," he said, "let's get back to the case."

Asked if he knew what the term "pseudo - psychopath" meant, the doctor reacted in scorn and said, "I've never that word."

(Braun the day before had been described by a psychologist as a "pseudo-psychopath.")

Orchard produced a copy of "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" and started to read the definition of the term.

"That's not a Bible," the doctor interrupted.

"Anyone who'd accept it as a Bible is out of his head," he said.

"To say he (Braun) is a pseudo — I will agree with that. He has a false front."

The doctor was handed the manual published by the American Psychiatric Assn. He read the definition of the term.

"That's the first time I've ever seen that," he sniffed.

But Dr. Rapaport held to his diagnosis of Braun as a sociopath and defined the word as:

"A person who understands what behavior is and is not acceptable to society and for one reason or another will commit wrongful acts to bring profit and pleasure to prove that he is able to do something and get away with it without the presence of mentally ill concepts."

Braun, he insisted, is not mentally ill.

Earlier, under cross-examination by John Poulos, the doctor nearly proved himself a good defense witness.

"Is Maine the type of person who would take a gun and kill someone?" Poulos asked.

"In my opinion, he would not use a gun to shoot anyone for any purpose. He has the potential to shoot someone — that everyone has — but not the propensity."

"I think he has an inadequate personality but he's not mentally retarded," the doctor said.

Maine, he said, has the ability to deliberate, premeditate and harbor malice.



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Apollo 7 Spins Past Midpoint

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)—Apollo 7 soared into the second half of its trail-blazing test for a trip to the moon with more than half of its goals already fulfilled Wednesday night.

If astronauts Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walt Cunningham had to bring Apollo 7 back to earth now, officials said it would have accomplished more than 75 per cent of its intended tests.

A Christmastime trip to the moon by Apollo 8 was "almost a foregone conclusion" if Apollo 7 successfully completes its 11-day flight.

At 9:08 p.m. EDT, Apollo 7 passed the halfway point in its 260-hour, 10-minute mission from liftoff last Friday to splashdown next Tuesday in the Atlantic Ocean.

The spacecraft's sixth day in orbit around earth featured a trip over the eye of Hurricane Gladys near Cuba—which may threaten its planned return to earth, a half-second "burp" of its 21,000-pound-thrust rocket and another telecast.

The astronauts, and space officials at Cape Kennedy, kept a wary eye on the progress of the hurricane.

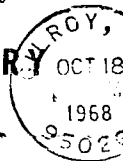
When the storm first appeared, Schirra suggested to ground controllers that they might have to bail out of a boat moored in Galveston Bay near here. Wednesday, astronaut Ron Evans in Houston told Schirra "be advised, Gladys we're not sure whether to move your boat or to move your (Apollo) landing point yet."

There are several "back-recovery" areas where astronauts could come down both the Atlantic and Pacific should Gladys bar them from the prime area. Officials at Cape Kennedy were concerned for the safety of the huge Saturn 5 rocket which will power Apollo 8 and make a decision Thursday whether to move it back to its assembly building to escape the storm's winds.

The major gripe from the astronauts Wednesday concerned their food. "This high-calorie stuff," Cunningham complained, "isn't very good."

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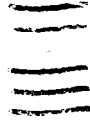
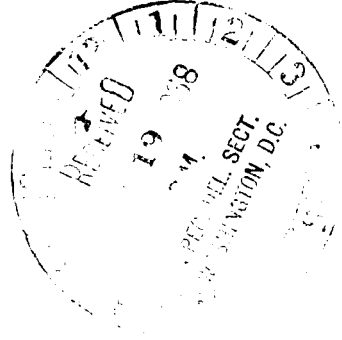
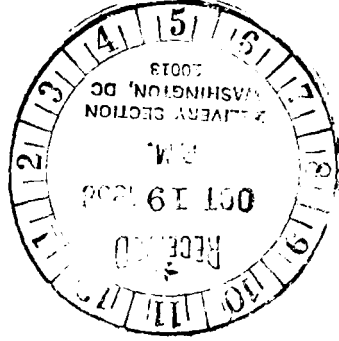
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Mr. J. C. Renfroe
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Dear Mr. Renfroe:

This is in reply to your letter postmarked
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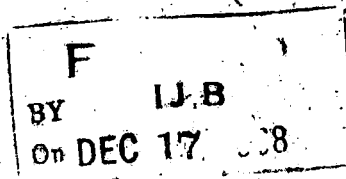
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Mr. J. C. Renfroe
Citra Route #2 Box 119-B
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Renfroe:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence dated June 26, 1968. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Please be advised that your views have been duly noted. Your interest in writing to express your views is appreciated.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

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Bombing Pause In Vietnam Another Communist Victory

Millions of Americans undoubtedly will be cheered by the impending prospects of a bombing halt in Vietnam. Some will hopefully assume the war could grind to a halt, with no more American boys fighting and dying. Others will delight that their peacenik movement will have won its point and now there will be no more destruction raining down on their left wing friends in North Vietnam.

But there are those, including us, who look with considerable trepidation upon the proposed bombing cessation, even if it would have the bonus of warring on a smaller scale. The reason for such concern is that once again the mighty United States would be losing a war, making a waste of the some 25,000 men killed, the tens of thousands more wounded, and the \$100 billion invested to ensure the freedom of the South Vietnamese, who, of course, truly would not be free from the threat of Hanoi.



MULLEN

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IN THE EVENT anybody has forgot, we lost the war in Korea. We didn't win it, as could have been accomplished, we lost it by being pinned down in a stalemated armistice that requires our military presence in South Korea. We lost, because we did not crush Communist aggression as we had promised.

Instead, our national political leadership arranged a humiliating accommodation with a bush league Communist outpost that stripped us naked of our integrity before the world.

And now the Communists are nearing repetition of the degradation by luring us into another rapprochement in Vietnam. From the outset, Ho Chi Minh set the terms for our further discomfiture: end all bombing and include the Viet Cong in the truce negotiations in the form of the National Liberation Front.

As much as anybody else, we want to see the fighting end. We, too, yearn for days of peace when our young men can have normal lives and our country can go about its business in science and education and improving the lot of the less fortunate.

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HOWEVER, such desires are to be thwarted or retarded by the evi-

dent terms for suspended war in Vietnam.

There was a lesson in Korea, but it has been ignored by our leaders. Communists do not expect us to conquer them and place their territory under military occupation. But they do know that we will attempt to negotiate a peace and will be tolerant almost beyond human endurance to that end.

The hundreds of meetings between the truce teams at Panmunjom, some of which amounted to nothing more than entering the room of the peace hut in the Demilitarized Zone and glaring in silence across the table, set the pattern of the political strategy in a no-win policy.

The pattern also includes the divided nation, as in Korea and in Vietnam; the Demilitarized Zone repeatedly violated by the Communists, and the terrorist attacks in territory under our jurisdiction, not to forget the calculated provocations such as the USS Pueblo.

Our destiny in Vietnam, we fear, is one more Lilliputian strand to hold us prone against Communist salami-style world aggression.

As in Korea, with military and economic commitments.

Our presence is required in Western Europe because of the Russian threat.

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WE ARE LOCKED in West Berlin because there has been no formal settlement of World War II — once again because of a Communist-divided nation, Germany.

And Cuba is poised at a shaft aimed at our underbelly and the Western Hemisphere.

Thus, it must follow to wonder where the next pressure point will emerge.

Perhaps it may be in the Middle East. Or in Africa. Possibly in a new confrontation in West Berlin over closing the Autobahn; or at The Wall.

Maybe the thrust will be in Panama. But it could be in Thailand to consolidate Southeast Asia for the Reds with Burma, Sumatra or Indonesia in the line of march for Communist attack.

Any of these can be the cost of an uneasy peace in Vietnam, as that war was the price we paid for our failure in South Korea.

William A. Mullen

The Demise Of The Amateur And The Olympian Farce

URG. Olympic standards must necessarily look for outside substitution to practice their sport. Hence professionals — but one extend hypocritically as to are amateurs.

gressors against Czechoslovakia.

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Lloyd Hagaman, an aide to Gov. Kirk who toured the areas Saturday, said the state probably will apply for federal disaster area funds after all the damage figures are in "and it proves to be of suffi-

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Mr. John P. Reid
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Confluence, Pennsylvania 15424

Dear Mr. Reid:

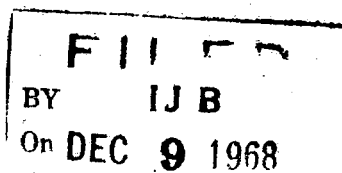
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Sincerely Your, Veteran John P. Reid.

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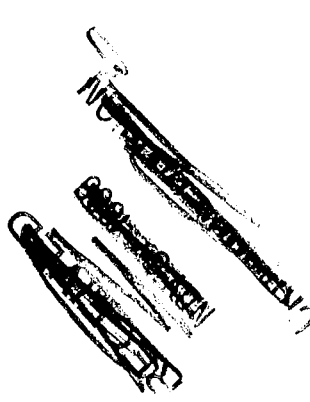
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Mr. M. M. Rudolph
4162 Birchwood Drive, So.
Liverpool, New York 13088

Dear Mr. Rudolph:

This is in reply to your correspondence of October 7, 1968, concerning the trial of the alleged slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan B. Sirhan.

As you know, the confinement of witnesses is both for their own protection and to ensure that the judicial processes may be properly carried out. Although this is an inconvenience for the persons involved, it is often necessary. A citizen's desire to provide information he possesses in spite of personal inconvenience is of great importance to our judicial system.

As for the frequent postponement of trials, this is also a method of ensuring justice. If an attorney has good cause in the eyes of the court for postponement, it is granted with the view that justice may more properly be carried out. The objective of the court in such cases is to enable all persons fair treatment under due process of law.

Your interest in writing to express your views is appreciated.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
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Dear Sir,

This letter is being written in reference to the case of the accused assassin of our late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan B. Sirhan's lawyers have stalled enough and have had more than enough time to prepare his case. It is not fair to confine the witnesses to Robert F. Kennedy's tragic assassination any longer. Some of these people cannot stand to be confined even if it is for their own protection. If their pictures were not shown on T.V. along with their names mentioned, perhaps there would be no need to confine them. If they request to be released, and to our knowledge one has and is out on bail, their lives are in jeopardy. As long as the trial of Sirhan continues to be postponed which could go on for months or longer, at the rate things are going, there may never be a trial. Why? Because more witnesses will want to be out of confinement, and by the time every thing is settled and Sirhan's lawyer's are finally prepared, the trial may never come to be. Once again, why? Because there may be no witnesses alive, perhaps the evidence may be destroyed. The members of any anti American group may find a way to reach Sirhan so he will not be able to talk and also the witnesses as well as the evidence. Impossible, no it is not. It did happen before. There were ten witnesses willing to testify after the assassination of our late President John F. Kennedy. They were willing to tell everything they saw and knew about the tragedy. They are all dead and not by natural causes. There were other witnesses who were approached and threatened. They feared for their safety and those of their loved ones, too frightened to speak to anyone concerning the assassination.

If you wish to check or review this, as there is too much to add on this subject, refer to the February, 1967 issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. The article was written by David Welsh and William Turner. As you well know this is a very reputable woman's magazine. We demand action now. The reasons for the postponements are not even justified. Sirhan's lawyers do not appear to have much of a case.

Mayor Gorty is known to have never liked Robert Kennedy. Our Bobby is gone, his children have been left fatherless, his wife lonely and bereaved, his family shocked, and his brother has been left to carry more burden added to what he already has. Now Ted is the lone male Kennedy survivor. Bobby's campaign workers and the people here and all over the world are still shocked and mourn for him, he will live on in the hearts of all the people who loved him. We demand that Sirhan be moved to another state, now, secretly and under heavy security guard and remain there as such, until the trial. If it is possible after the trial would even be better. Roosevelt Breer amonog many others did a lot to capture and keep Sirhan safe and alive to stand trial. We the people want him to stand trial, as it is the American way and the right way. At the same time there is more than enough evidence and witnesses to prove his guilt. As I mentioned before, all of this will be proven at the trial, and the answer will be guilty as charged, premeditated and without reasonable doubt. The death penalty will be too easy and too final. He deserves to serve the rest of his life in prison. If this should be the case, he may have to have guards twenty four hours a day, which I am sure can come out of the taxpayers money, as everything else does, with the constant rise in taxes. This is for a better cause than some of the others, for example, beautifying America by destroying buildings that need not be, only to build some other buildings we do not need. There are so many ways the taxpayers money is being misused needlessly. Money that can and should be put to better use. Sirhan is only one of many, where our money can be put to use.

What about the girl in the polka dot dress? She was supposed to have been found, questioned, released, and her case closed. The dress was found later in a paper bag, but that part of the dress, the girl in the polka dot dress, was never re-presented. After finding the dress in such an unusual manner, why does it still remain closed?

As you can see, we have many reasons for the request we are now demanding - ! The trial must go on in another state, and as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. + Mrs. M. M. Rudolph

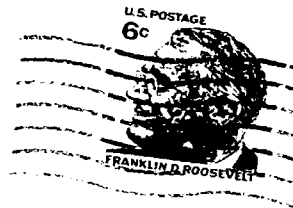
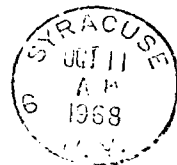
P. S. Again we must refer to Sirhan B. Sirhan's trial as we have just finished reading about Russell E. Parson's latest request for another delay in his trial. This, I believe to be correct would be the sixth time. His picture is not that of a person with any feeling of guilt for the tragic crime he is being accused of, but the expression of one who knew what he did at the time, and of one who is not suffering any regret or sorrow for committing such a crime. We have seen that same expression soon after the crime, when they cleaned him up, yes, the same look on his face. He appears to be content and in his own way pleased for being so successful!

We are sure that every jury trial is not postponed because of the holidays. Why should he be made an exception! Stalling for more time in hopes the spirit of the people including the jury, judge and everyone involved with this will change in favor of Sirhan B. Sirhan, and more time for his lawyer. We will not change our feelings of our great loss and what it has done to our people and country and perhaps even effect our world affairs.

No, this is too big! No more delays, excuses, - just go on with the trial. We demand justice!

M. M. Rudolph
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2. PRESS ADDS THAT JORDANIAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM RAMALLAH, ABDUL SALEM AL-'URI, WILL ACCOMPANY SIRHAN. HE PROBABLY EXPECTS TO CAPITALIZE ON PUBLICITY SURROUNDING VISIT AND MAY, IN TURN, LEND IT AN AIR OF OFFICIAL SANCTION. AL-'URI IS ALSO A KNOWN FATAH SYMPATHIZER.

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2. PRESS ADDS THAT JORDANIAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM RAMALLAH, ABDUL SALEM AL-'URI, WILL ACCOMPANY SIRHAN. HE PROBABLY EXPECTS TO CAPITALIZE ON PUBLICITY SURROUNDING VISIT AND MAY, IN TURN, LEND IT AN AIR OF OFFICIAL SANCTION. AL-'URI IS ALSO A KNOWN FATAH SYMPATHIZER.

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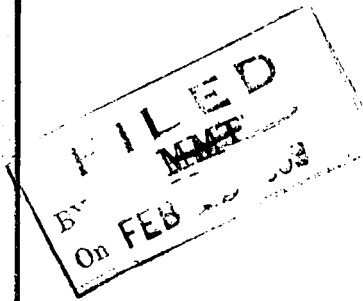
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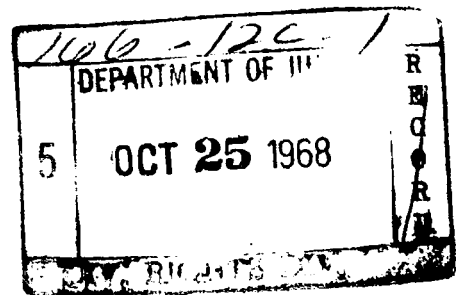
Sorry to bother you at this time knowing you have more than enough troubles to worry about. The reason for this letter is mostly because I am very disappointed, and mad concerning Robert F. Kennedy's assassin.

Soon it will be five months that our beloved Robert has been gone, and yet the man who took his life is still alive. I do believe that every human being is innocent until proven guilty, but in this case things have gone too far.

This is my question. Why does the law of this country allow such a man stay alive so long,

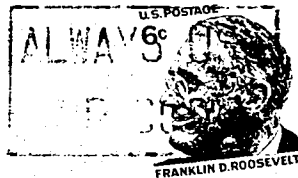


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when he; in front of thousands of people took the life of another human? His trial should have been presented already, and his punishment given to him. I speak not only for myself, but for many Americans who are also asking this same question. Why is the man or beast, who took a father from so many children, a husband from his wife, a brother, a friend, a son, our future president, why is this man alive? Please forgive me for this letter, but I had to tell you how I felt. Thank You very much, and I hope you'll understand.

Yours Truly
Nora Gonzalez



To

The President of U.S.A.
c/o The White House

Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington D. C.

Nora Gonzalez

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T. 10/21/68

Miss Lois Craighead
Rural Route 2
Fulton, Missouri 65251

OCT 28 1968

Dear Miss Craighead:

President Johnson has asked that we reply
to your letter of October 3, 1968.

Although the President can not personally
answer all correspondence addressed to him, he
appreciates your taking the time to write him.

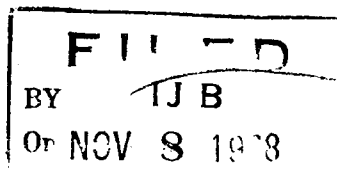
The State of California has indicted Sirhan
Sirhan for the murder of Senator Kennedy and is
presently holding him in the Los Angeles Court
House where he is awaiting disposition of the
charges.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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By: GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
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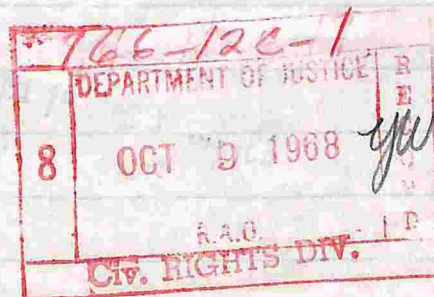
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Rural Route 2
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October 3, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

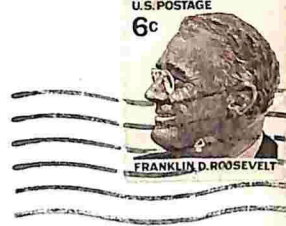
I have liked you for a
president for the past years.
I also liked Robert Kennedy
I would liked to see him be-
come the next president. I
would please like to know
why you would put Sirhan
in the electric chair. That
would be taking another life.
He could be put in the State
Hospital. He could get so he
would be right and be sorry
for what he's done.

Yours truly,
Lois Craighead



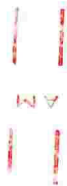
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President L. B. Johnson
White House
Washington D. C.

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Mr. Rene LaPlante
4815 Lawrence Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Dear Mr. LaPlante:

This is in reply to your correspondence of
October 4, 1968, concerning Sirhan Sirhan.

We are sure you are aware that Sirhan Sirhan is
in the custody of the State of California. Since this
matter is within the jurisdiction of the state, this
Department is without authority to take any action.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

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4815 Lawrence Street
Alexandria, Va. 22309
4 October 1968

Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue Between 9th & 10th Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I believe that the American public have a right to know why the trial of Sirhan Sirhan, the alleged murderer of Senator Robert Kennedy, has been delayed for so long. The latest word is that an agreement has been made between the lawyers and judges involved to delay the trial until next year!

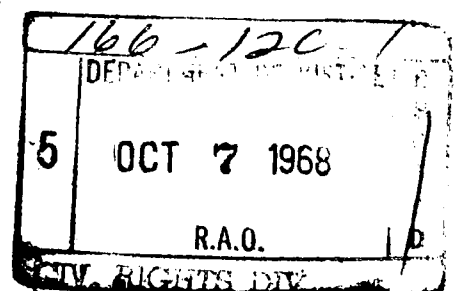
It is just this sort of thing that has all decent, law abiding Americans worried and deeply disturbed about the multitude of ways the laws as they now exist serve to protect a person arrested for a crime, while failing to protect the public at large.

Another example of how criminals are benefiting from the law while the citizenry must suffer from it stems from the so-called Bail Bond Reform Act of 1966. While it may be said that a person arrested for a crime is innocent until proven guilty, it must also be realized that persons arrested for serious felonies may be a danger to the public, and should, in the name of God, be kept in jail until brought to trial. Then if he is found innocent he could be reimbursed.

The key to both of the above mentioned problems is a swift trial. Without swift justice we will never have "law and order" in this country. I trust you will reply to this letter in the near future.

R. La Plante
Mr. Rene La Plante

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Mr. R. La Plante
4815 Lawrence St.
Alexandria, Va. 22309



Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue, Between
9th and 10th Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. J. C. Renfree
Citra Route #2 Box 119-B
Gainesville, Florida 32601

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Dear Mr. Renfree:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence dated June 26, 1968. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Please be advised that your views have been duly noted. Your interest in writing to express your views is appreciated.

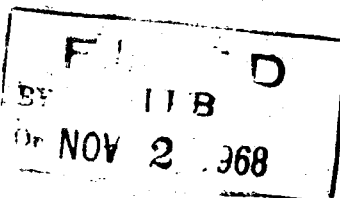
Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
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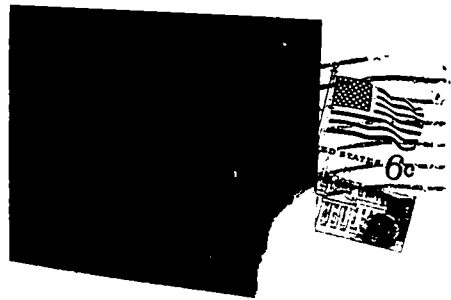
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Honorable L. B. Johnson President of U.S.A.
I have always wanted to write you and
tell you that I admire you for the ease
and capability, of the way you took over
at the Tragedy of John Kennedy's Death;
The Sniper who? I have never thought any
one man did it, has always been my opinion
that Jack Ruby rather Rubenstein did and
I think the Police of Dallas allowed
him to do it, act. of they having been
connected with some of his stealthy wealth.
If Oswald did it, would not have happened if
Little Robert Kennedy then atty General had made
any effort to catch the Sniper that took a
Pot shot at General Walker. Bobby may have
wanted the Sniper to get Oswald and some other
killer to get General Walker; But real
Americans do not like the way the
Warren Court did - Many people are of
the opinion that they wanted Rubenstein
protected I am not disclosing my opinion;
But President Johnson I do not like to ^{see} any so
called Whites discriminating against
the Whites Anglo Saxon Celtic races for this
is their Homeland But not the Blax - 138
tribes of them unknown origin? Respectfully J. C. Renfro
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Honorable L B Johnson President of U.S.
Capital Bldg.
Washington
D.C.
Personal

August 27, 1968

166-12C-1
Mr. William C. Fosnacht
835 Fishburn Road
Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

Dear Mr. Fosnacht:

In reply to your letter of August 22, I am enclosing copies of the only public statements we have regarding the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sessions
Director of Public Information

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cc: Files

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WILLIAM C. FOSNACHT
833 FISHBURN ROAD
HERSHEY, PA. 17033

August 22, 1968

The Honorable Cliff Sessions, Special Assistant
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Sir:

I am just writing to thank you for your letter of August 1st regretting not being able to supply statements by Justice Department officials eulogizing the late Senator Robert Kennedy on June 8th.

So, if you could, would you please send me copies of the Attorney General's public statements concerning the Senator's assassination; especially any with information pertaining to any Justice Department assistance to the Los Angeles authorities in their investigation of the assassination.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

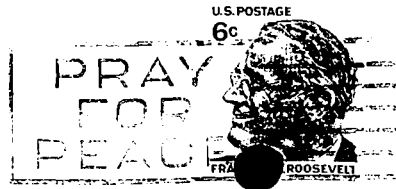
Sincerely yours,

William C. Fasnacht
William C. Fasnacht

Cliff - ? *OK*

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William C. Fosnacht
835 Fishburn road
Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033



The Honorable Cliff Sessions, Special Assistant
U. S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Honorable Abraham Ribicoff
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Ribicoff:

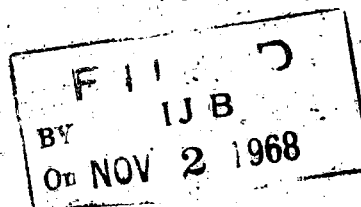
This is in reply to your memorandum of August 14, 1968, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Martin S. Neaks of Hamden, Connecticut. I apologize for my delay in responding.

I am sure you are aware that since the case of Sirhan Sirhan is pending in the Los Angeles Courthouse, it would not be appropriate at this time for the Department of Justice to comment on the status of the investigation or to publicize any findings.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

THIS MAIL SHOULD BE

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., August 14, 1968

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. M.S. Meeks of Hamden, Conn. regarding punishment of the assassin of Sen. Kennedy.

A report would be appreciated.

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U. S. S.

123 Clifford Street
Hendon Conn

Dear Senator Rieff

I heard with almost total disbelief a news item which stated to the effect that the killer of SEN. KENNEDY might not be charged to the full extent of his crime (alleged, of course) because the news media had printed information about evidence of planning (premeditation). Is it possible that a premeditated crime of this magnitude (killing) can go unprosecuted because a District Attorney is unable to legally introduce valid evidence, legally obtained because of a Supreme Court ruling against evidence which has been publicised (ie "reported").

Even if this ruling is not applied because of the public nature of the victim the ruling still stands for the remaining 2500 willful killings committed per year.

Will you therefore introduce legislation which will (1) clarify what constitutes a disclosure of evidence which is sufficient to prosecute (2) clarify what is not sufficient to

propose June. (3) prescribe penalties for interfering with "due process" by the disclosure of said information to non-authorized persons (4) indicate who is authorized (or leave that authorization to the states) and (5) prescribe penalties for reporting said information (evidence type information etc) to the public.

Clearly the public has a "right to know" but this is no ~~arguable~~ meaningful argument when it undermines one of the fundamental reasons for the existence of government itself namely the maintenance of ~~law and order~~ the enforcement of law. The fact that this killing was so widely publicised, that ~~then~~ a number of witnesses reported in detail what happened and who they saw do it leads me to wonder if our Jordanian friend will be convicted of anything other than disturbing the peace, discharge of firearms within city limits, and possession of a dangerous weapon (~~if~~ unless he elects trial by judge, of course).

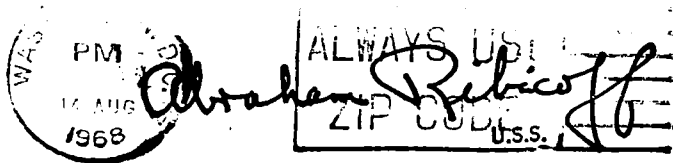
Let me know what you propose.

Martin S. Meeker

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Mr. Amos E. Heacock
2774 70th Street, S. E.
Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Dear Mr. Heacock:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence of August 11, 1968, concerning the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Reverend Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We have given careful consideration to the information you have furnished; however, the circumstances you describe do not provide a basis for action by this Department.

The President appreciates your interest in writing to express your views.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By: GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

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2774 70th Street, S.E.

Mercer Island, Washington "Assassinations of the

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Industrial State"
By the sender.

Asks the President's help so that he can have a chance
to make the cause of martyrs John F. Kennedy, Martin
Luther King, and Robert Kennedy live as living mem-
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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

My conscience impells me to cry out to my President and the American electorate against the vilest conspiracy our country has ever faced. This is a conspiracy to continue to control the military-industrial-political policy of our democracy after the 1968 elections by means of political exploitation of the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy.

This conspiracy follows the successful conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy before the 1964 elections to protect the assumed prerogative of the Complex-controlled Central Intelligence Agency against Presidential opposition to make foreign policy by its role of provocateur in U. S. military operations and foreign government coups.

Before these statements are called preposterous, I hasten to add that this conspiracy is professionally rated at 50% probability of being correct and 50% probability of being incorrect or one chance out of two of being correct. On the other hand, the government's view that all three assassinations occurred without conspiracy of sponsors is rated at 5% or one chance out of 20 of being correct.

Although there are really no counter-conspiracy probability analysts that provide such services professionally yet, my claim to professional reliability is based upon two decades of counter-conspiracy and action against the political arm of what President Eisenhower called the military-industrial complex. I also qualify by having predicted the Krushchev-Castro Cuba missiles crisis conspiracy to the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Logistics, in March, 1960. I predicted the time of execution of the conspiracy within three months, the approximate place (within intermediate ballistic missile range of U. S.) and the type of weapon to be employed in the showdown. I also predicted that the result would be nuclear war or alternatively, a political settlement.

Now both brothers who achieved that settlement for America and the world in the face of a Complex retaliatory policy have been assassinated. A new Complex-inspired campaign for the 1968 season to close the "strategic capability gap" in a new arms race is under way. The Kennedy brothers' cause of world peace through negotiations is virtually forgotten except for meaningless campaign propaganda by the right-wing forces of reaction. The Nobel peace prize winner who proved to oppressed peoples of the world as well as those of his own country that non-violent revolution through reform could be successful is also slain by probable conspiracy. This predictably

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spurred young black nationalists to bear and use arms through frustration and a foreign ideology which in turn gave excuse for massive police and troops retaliation under the thinly disguised political slogan of "law and order" which emerged from the witches' brew of the assassination of the political leader of non-violence.

President Eisenhower warned succeeding Presidents and the American people against the evil conspiratorial power of the "Complex" in the following words of his farewell address in 1961:

"In the Councils of Government we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

It is ominous that so soon after this warning the next President was the victim of disastrous misinformation deliberately provided him by the Central Intelligence Agency and confirmed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to trap him into military intervention by the armed forces of the United States to establish not just a simple non-communist government but an ultra-right-wing government in Cuba. It is ominous that the secret report on the causes of the Bay of Pigs disaster that the slain President requested of Robert F. Kennedy and General Maxwell Taylor has never been made public.

It is ominous that about a year before the 1964 elections when a prudent President might have been expected to release the report, take corrective action against Complex military procurement teams, and seek an electoral mandate for 1965 against the Complex and the CIA, two mysterious resignations and a "suicide" occurred in the Complex team under the Secretary of the Air Force. These mysterious events were followed in another month by the assassination of the President.

It is ominous that after the assassination the nominees of the two corporations that have been for two decades directing political strategy of the Complex and were closely involved with the Complex team in which the resignations and suicide occurred, were elevated to seats in the Cabinet.

Most ominous of all is that there is not "Complex issue" in the 1968 election nor any warning from the incumbent President of its growing evil anti-democratic power in spite of two more political assassinations of sworn enemies of Complex policies. On the contrary, the false issue of the "strategic capability gap" offering tens of billions of new business for the Complex has been officially raised by the Republican nominee in his acceptance speech just as the false issue of the "missile gap" was raised by the Democratic nominee in 1960. This "issue" has not been challenged by the Democratic Party.

Consequently, unless there is a virtual revolution at the Democratic Convention the American electorate will go to the polls in November, virtually disenfranchised, to vote for one of three Complex-supporting nominees of their parties, Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon and George Wallace.

The Complex has attained its greatest power under your Administration although it has increased its evil powers under each post-war Administration starting with Harry Truman's. You shoulder no greater blame than the other three post-war presidents for pouring out a trillion dollars into defense armament and services while our minorities still live under poverty in ghettos. In fact, you have passed more civil rights, education and other social legislation measured in real benefits than all three other Presidents put together. Nevertheless, there is evidence that the American electorate and perhaps even history is looking for a scapegoat. It might be you. I am thoroughly opposed to blaming the error of Presidents when the real responsibility lies with the American electorate of which I am a guilty member.

Paradoxically, Mr. President, you have the greatest opportunity of any president to reverse the trend and return power to the American electorate and the Presidency. You are not yet committed to any candidate nor to the Complex. The Complex, on the other hand, may be setting you up to preside over the liquidation of the American two-party system of electorate control over the government.

You have the power to meaningfully investigate the Complex-favoring assassinations, the Complex wholesale corruption of the military supply stream up to the White House itself, and the usurpation of foreign policy making by the Central Intelligence Agency before your term is over. You have the power and the means to really unify the country with a call for a government of national union. You have the power and the means to assure that your President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy will not have died in vain and that their followers will have a ticket to identify with in November.

You still have time to set the pattern for peace, not only in South Vietnam but in Southeast Asia; not only in Southeast Asia but in the Third World; not only in the Third World but in all Three Worlds of our globe. I feel that I have the right to ask that you be drafted for this job because I voted for you in 1964 and voted for Democratic candidates all my life before I was disenfranchised for the 1968 elections by the obsolete convention system each of which are nominating men with less than majority support of the American electorate. Only a government of national union can command majority support this year; the failure of the convention system will assure four parties.

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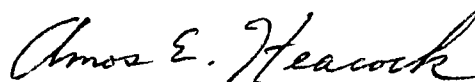
I realize that the raising of the Complex Supergovernment issue and the demand for independent investigation of the assassinations of the three greatest democratic activists of our time will be temporarily divisive. This division, however, will be followed by unity in support of a truly national union ticket designed to preserve the very great democratic advantages of the two-party system until less divisive times. I do not believe in my study of the political factors involved that contrary choices of the Republican and Democratic conventions can prevent the sweep of a genuine national union ticket in which partisan political advantage is foresworn. Public opinion polls could easily check this political phenomenon. The activist pressures of the far right and the far left that threaten to divide America into four political parties in actual political civil war if not armed civil war by 1972 can be soundly defeated by appealing to the political conscience of the great democratic center majority of the American electorate.

As a rank and file political activist I want to vote American in 1968. I want to vote for national union. I don't want to watch helplessly as the Republicans splinter rightward under the impact of the American Independent Party and the Democrats splinter leftward under the impact of an Administration candidate identified with the Complex and escalation of the war in Vietnam.

Therefore, I implore you to help give me and all the other followers of the slain leaders of democratic activism a chance to make the cause of these martyrs live as their living memorial.

I am sending copies of "Assassinations of the Industrial State" to Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, to Senator Eugene McCarthy, to Senator Edward Kennedy, and a copy to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with a request for investigative action into the subversion of foreign policy by the Complex and the CIA.

Most respectfully submitted,



Amos E. Heacock

Encl:

Foreword and Summary to "Assassinations"
The study "Assassinations of the Industrial State"
(606 pages plus 18 pages of Index of Topics)

Amos Heacock
2774 70th St. S. E.,
Mercer Island, Wash. 98040
Phone AD 2-6638

FROM

Amos E. Heacock
2774 70th S.E.,
Mercer Island, Wash. 98040

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The White House,
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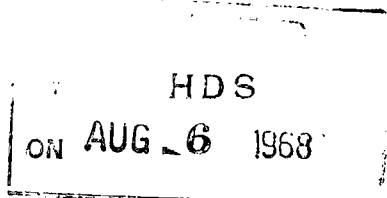
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Dear

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence concerning the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. I apologize for the delay in responding.

In an effort to ascertain the causes of last summer's disturbances, President Johnson appointed a National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. In establishing such a committee to search for causes and solutions to this American tragedy the President recognized that in America "we seek more than the uneasy calm of martial law. We seek peace based on one man's respect for another--and upon mutual respect for law."

One of the recommendations of the Kerner Commission report was that open housing legislation be enacted. Earlier this year the Congress passed, and the President signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 which prohibits discrimination or segregation in the sale and rental of most housing in the country.

Please be assured that all other observations and recommendations of the Commission have been made known and are currently being considered by appropriate government officials.

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Your interest in writing to express your views
is appreciated.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Dr. & Mrs. Martin Reivich
526 Midvale Road
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania 19082

Dr. & Mrs. Reivich:

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Ron B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dr. & Mrs. Martin Reivich
526 Midvale Road
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

June 16, 1968

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Dear Mr. President:

In a few hours my father will come to my house to celebrate with his five children a day set aside to honor the fathers of this nation. But I am thinking today of homes where there will be no celebration today.

I am thinking of the ten children of Senator + Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, of the children of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy, of the children of Dr. + Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., and many more.

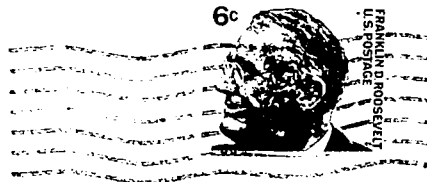
And I am thinking of my own three year old daughter who when she

Saw flags flying in front of neighborhood homes on Friday, Flag Day, said, "Who was shot today, Mommie?"

I weep for this nation, and I weep for myself - 29 years old, living with all the material abundance this country has to offer, having travel to more than 15 foreign countries, and in spite of all the pretty words and politics of joy, sick at what I see and despairing for this country.

What good will another commission do? You didn't have the courage or the compassion to speak out for the implementation of the Kerner Report. We need commitment and action not a matched set of commission reports.

Please act for sanity.
Joan Reirich



The President
Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. M. Newton
301 East 21st Street
New York, New York 10010

Mrs. Newton:

cc: Records
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Corres. Unit

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ARE WE TO EXPECT THE FINDINGS OF THE EISENHOWER COMMISSION
TO BE IGNORED BY YOU AND CONGRESS AS WERE THOSE OF THE RIOTS
COMMISSION? THE COUNTRY IS SICK TO DEATH OF THESE MEANINGLESS
GESTURES

MRS M NEWTON 301 EAT 21 ST NYC.

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Mr. Frank Verle
873 Iroquois
Detroit, Michigan 48214

Mr. Verle:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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COMMISSION WILL THE EISENHOWER COMMISSION PRESENT MORE

RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL NOT BE HEDEED?

FRANK WERLE 873 IROQUOIS.

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Mr. John P. Andelin, Jr.
2656 Orange Avenue Apt. G
Costa Mesa, California 92627

Mr. Andelin:

cc: Records ✓
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Dear Sir: 5 June 68
I agree completely with your call for
national prayer for Robert Kennedy — and for
cessation of violence + hatred. However, I
can only think that prayer + another commission
is far short of what we need. What happened
to the recommendations of the Kerner
Commission?
Sincerely,
John Randolph

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JOHN P. ANDELIN, JR.
2656 Orange Ave., Apt. G
Costa Mesa, California 92627



President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

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Miss Patty Witte
10409 Bicklee Avenue
South Gate, California 90280

SEP 27 1968

Dear Miss Witte:

This is in reply to your correspondence addressed to the President postmarked July 24, 1968. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Please be assured that your views have been noted.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

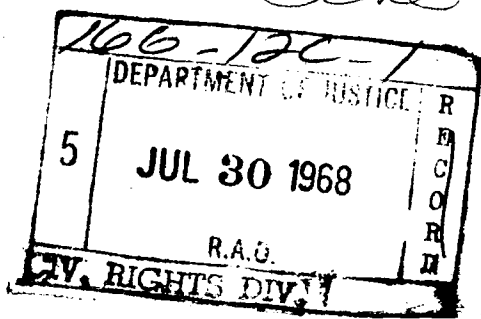
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BY IJB
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Justice

I just wanted to
write and let you
know (if by chance
you ever see this)
that many American
people are aware of
the fact that the
murders of the Kennedy
Bunch, King and Ruby
if not indeed have
been a part of a
conspiracy. It's be-
coming a majority view
and for the sake of our
country's own survival
it's finally coming
unto the light.
You won't be able to
stop all Americans
concerned for peace
We will reach our
goal and end the
corruption from
the Government.
Patty With



10409 Bucklee Ave
South Gate Calif



Air Mail

L B J. ~~()~~
White House
Washington D.C.

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OCT 11 1968

Miss Aileen E. Barry
Breckenridge
Missouri 64625

Dear Miss Barry:

This is in reply to your correspondence of
July 26, 1968, concerning your stamp collecting.

Your interest in writing to express your views
is appreciated.

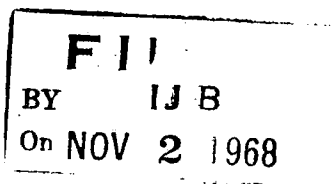
Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

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Gutierrez
Corres. Unit



July 26, 1968

Aileen E. Barry
Breckenridge, Missouri

Attorney-General Ramsey Clark
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Mr. Clark;

A short time ago, I wrote you about difficulty about reply
not recieved from a Bronx stamp dealer.

I am now in receipt of the stamp, after I had informed him that
I would seek means for return of same.

I was concerned about the stamp, as a catalogue in a public
library listed the value of the stamp at around \$350.00.

I do not know if the stamp can be sold, but will not try to sell
by mail again.

Thank you for any service rendered, or reply yet to be recieved.

Sincerely,

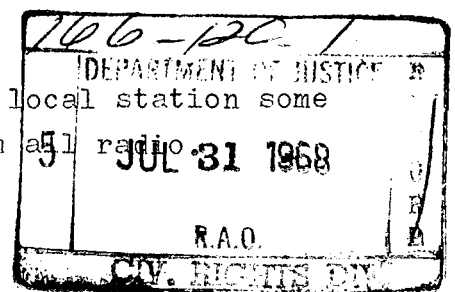
Aileen E. Barry

P.S. I was very happy to hear today on the news, that Senator
Edward Kennedy does not plan to accept invitation to be Vice-
President.

As much as I wanted Senator Robert Kennedy for our next Presidnet,
I now wish he had never aspired to anything but a Senator.
If so, maybe he would have still been with us.

I am of the belief that there may be a conspiracy, or maybe just
a result of hate preaching such as done by people like Carl McIntire
of Collingswood, New Jersey.

I have managed to get him removed from our local station some
time ago, and wish he could be removed from all radio



Carl McIntire, of Collingswood, N.J. calls himself a preacher, and, although I have not heard his radio message recently, I have heard him in the past speak as if he hates the United States.

His literature is the same old tired line it has been, and he has my Mother's Church, the Assembly of god, believing that we are going to be taken over by Communism any day.

He is soliciting large funds from the old-age pensioners to fight this Communism, and these people believe him.

I am now living in this environment, so I know.

However, I am not living here by choice.

I believe preaching such as this could, and probably has influenced persons such as Sirhan Sirhan, and the practice is very dangerous.

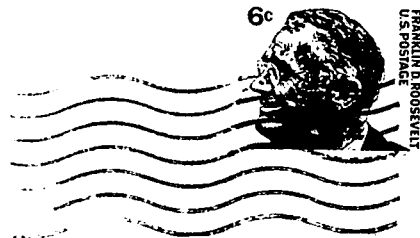
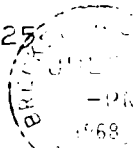
I hope he can be stopped from all radio.

Possibly you can tune in his broadcasts from your area, or if not, would you send for some of his literature under an assumed name?

Thanks

Mileen E. Barry

Breckenridge, Missouri 64625



Attorney-General Ramsey Clark

Washington

D.C.

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SEP 27 1968

Mr. James Lombardi, #1100-1
Box 3A320, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, California 90054

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence of July 19, 1968, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

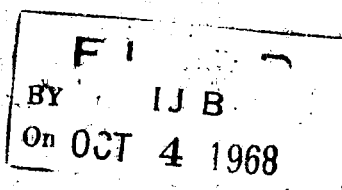
Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. You may be assured that all measures are being taken to insure Mr. Sirhan's safety.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By: GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Masters Section

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT;

THIS IS A ~~ANONYMOUS~~
LETTER FROM AN INMATE
IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE
JAIL IN LOS ANGELES WHERE
SIMRAN SIMRAN IS BEING HELD.
LIKE ANY BIG CITY JAIL IT IS
FILLED WITH PRISONERS CHARGED
WITH JUST ABOUT EVERY
DIFFERENT CRIME POSSIBLE.
SOME ARE GUILTY SOME NOT
GUILTY, AND SOME NOT CRIMINAL
BY REASON OF INSANITY. BUT
NONE WITH THE PROBABLE
EXCEPTION OF SIMRAN IS IN
ANY WAY GUILTY OF HAVING
ASSASSINATED SEN. KENNEDY.
EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE MADE
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A CAREER OF CRIME DEPLORE
THE ACT.

SEN. KENNEDY HAD BECOME
A NATIONAL FIGURE. IT
DIDN'T SEEM REALISTIC
THAT ONE CITY ALONE
WITHOUT THE HELP OF
FEDERAL TROOPS SHOULD
UNDERTAKE THE JOB OF
PROTECTING THE SAFETY
OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF
HIS MURDER AS WELL AS
THE SAFETY OF OTHERS
WHO BY CHANCE FIND THEM-
SELVES IMPRISONED WITH
HIM. IT APPEARS THAT
WITH THE PRESENT PRE-
CAUTIONS TAKEN FOR THIS
MAN'S SAFETY, THE ONLY

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WAY WHICH HE COULD BE DESTROYED WOULD BE TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE VALL AND ALONG WITH IT ALL OFFICERS UN DUTY AND PRISONERS. IT SOUNDS PREPOSTEROUS. BUT IN THIS WRITERS OPINION THE DESPERATE WAY SEN. KENNEDY WAS MURDERED WAS PREPOSTEROUS ALSO. THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, I HOPE NO ONE IS AS DESPERATE TO MURDER SIHRAN WHATEVER THE REASON FOR WISHING TO DO SO. IF THE SENATOR HAD TO BE ASSASSINATED BEFORE JUNE 5th, MAYBE HIS ASSASSINE HAS

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TO BE PUT AWAY BEFORE HE
GETS TO TRIAL. SINCE
THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
REQUIRES THAT ALL PEOPLE
BE GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL IT
SHOULD WHEN NECESSARY INSURE
THAT A PERSON LIVE TO RECEIVE
THAT TRIAL. IN THIS WRITERS
OPINION THE DEFENSE (PHYSICAL)
OF THIS PRISONER IS ABOVE
THE HEAD OF THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES HERE. IT IS THIS
WRITERS OPINION THAT A 24 HOUR
GROUND AND AIR WATCH IS IM-
PERATIVE.

Yours Truly

James Lombardi

HALL OF JUSTICE JAIL — LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Persons corresponding with prisoners are requested to observe the following rules:

Return address of sender must be shown on the outside of the envelope. In addressing the envelope, write plainly. Use prisoner's complete NAME & SERIAL NUMBER. Address to P.O. Box 54320, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California 90054. Prisoner's serial number should be included to insure delivery as we often have prisoner's with similar names.

DO NOT SEND MONEY, as sender is liable for all losses sustained where currency is sent in letters. **USE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER**, made payable to inmate, for whom it is intended and addressed to inmate, care of Los Angeles County Jail.

DO NOT SEND food, fruit, candy, tobacco, etc., as these may be purchased from Jail Store.

All clothing or other articles intended for prisoners **MUST** be delivered to the Jail **PERSONALLY**, and must be passed on either by Deputy Jailer or Officer in charge of Visiting Screen. Do not send by Mail or Express.

DO NOT SEND printed matter, cut-outs, clippings or stationery in letters. Prisoners are not permitted to subscribe to or receive, newspapers, magazines, or periodicals by mail. These may be secured within the Jail.

RAZOR BLADES. Double edged **ONLY** are permitted.

Male prisoners are permitted only the following **CIVILIAN CLOTHING**:

2 Suits Underwear — 4 Pairs Socks — 4 Handkerchiefs

No other civilian clothing or any exchange of clothing is allowed without permission of Lieutenant on duty.

All visitors must have positive personal identification i.e., Driver's License, etc.

VISITING HOURS: Daily 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, including Sat., Sun., and Holidays.
No one under 18 yrs. allowed to visit.

Each prisoner is **RESTRICTED TO TWO VISITS PER WEEK.**

PETER J. PITCHESS, SHERIFF

CARCEL DEL CONDADO DE L. A., CAL.

Se ruega a las personas que tengan correspondencia con los presos.

Ensene el NOMBRE DEL REMITENTE en el exterior del sobre. Escriba en letra de molde el NOMBRE DEL PRESO y el NUMERO ASIGNADO claramente. ESTE NUMERO es muy ESENCIAL pues tenemos prisioneros con nombres identicos, Dirija sus cartas a P.O. Box 54320, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California 90054.

NO MANDE DINERO EL EFECTIVO, pues el remitente es responsable en caso de perdida de dinero incluso en cartas. USESE GIRO POSTAL pagable al preso y dirigido al mismo preso a cargo de la Carcel del Condado de Los Angeles.

Cuando se envíe DINERO EN EFECTIVO en carta, el REMITENTE sera quien sufra cualquier perdida ocasionada.

NO MANDE comida, fruta, dulces, tabaco, etc., estos articulos se pueden comprar en la carcel.

TODA ROPA Y OTROS ARTICULOS destinados a presos, DEBERAN ENTREGARSE en el despacho de la carcel, personalmente, y tienen que ser pasados, ya sea por el carcelero diputado, el oficial encargado, de la sala de visita. No los mande por correo o express.

NO MANDEN impresos, recortes de dibujos o retratos, recortes de periodicos o efectos de escritorio en cartas.

NO SE PERMITE que los presos se SUBSCRIBAN o RECIBAN periodicos, impresos o magazines, por correo. Estos pueden conseguirse en la carcel.

Unicamente se permiten ojas; cuchillas de razurar de dos filos.

A los presos (varones) UNICAMENTE se les permitira la siguiente ropa de paisano:—

4 pannels, 4 pares de calcetines, 2 juegos de ropa interior.

Ninguna otra ropa de paisano, ni cambio de ropa sera permitida sin permiso del Teniente encargado.

A los presos no se les permitira mandar lavar su ropa fuera de la carcel.

HORAS DE VISITAS

Dias De CEMANA: 10:00 AM a 2:30 PM Incluyendo SABODOS, DOMINCOS Y DIAS FESTIVOS. No se les permite a Los Menores de 18 Anos Visitar.

CADA PRESO QUEDA LIMITADO a recibir unicamente DOS VISITAS SEMANARIAMENTE.

PETER J. PITCHES, SHERIFF

Name

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Box 54320, Terminal Annex

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

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☐ Assistant Attorney General
☐ Director, Bureau of Prisons
☐ The Pardon Attorney
☐ Chairman, Parole Board
☐ Assistant Attorney General for Administration
☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service
☐ Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
☐ Office of Alien Property
☐ Chief - Accounts Branch
☐ Chief - Administrative Services Office
☐ Chief of Personnel
☐ General Litigation Section, Civil Division
☒ Records Administration Office
 Att.: ☐ Antitrust Div. ☐ Civil Div. ☐ Civil Rights Div.
 ☒ Criminal Div. ☐ Internal Security Div.
 ☐ Inter-Division Information Unit

- ☐ A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
☐ B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
☐ C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
☒ D. For your information.
☐ E. Please note change in caption of this case.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
☐ Antitrust Div. ☐ Civil Div. ☐ Civil Rights Div.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

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JUL 19 1968

F. ELWOOD DAVIS

CRIMINAL DIVISION

A confidential source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, recently advised that Karl F. Jorss, Jr., President A. F. Jorss, Incorporated, Iron Works, 300 South 10th Street, Arlington, Virginia, home address 5401 Audubon Road, Bethesda, Maryland, made the following statement:

"A well-known attorney of the Department of Justice related at a cocktail party last week that Bobby Kennedy's assassin was inspired by a high Government official."

On June 25, 1968, Mr. Karl F. Jorss, Jr., advised he attended a dinner party Friday, June 7, 1968, at the residence of Mr. Armiger L. Jagoe, 3700 Kanawha Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. He identified Mr. Jagoe as President, Corporation Insurance Management, 4000 Brandywine Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

After the dinner, there was general discussion of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy which had just taken place.

Mr. Elwood Davis, Attorney with office at 800 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was present at the dinner but left immediately after eating. During the after-dinner discussion, another guest, identity not recalled, quoted Mr. Davis as having commented during dinner that he, Davis, thought the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy "was inspired by a high government official." This guest did not explain the context in which Mr. Davis made this statement or endeavor to interpret his meaning. J. E. W.

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F. ELWOOD DAVIS

Mr. Jorss had been at another table during dinner and did not personally hear Mr. Davis' comment.

On July 9, 1968, F. Elwood Davis residing 1801 California Avenue, N.W., an attorney with offices at 800 17th Street, N.W., and past President of the Washington Board of Trade, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information:

Mr. Davis attended the above mentioned dinner party and left immediately after eating. He does not recall entering or overhearing any conversation during the dinner party relating to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Mr. Davis added he had never considered, stated or heard that Senator Kennedy's assassin was inspired by a high Government official.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

S. *DRS*
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July 18, 1968

Y. C.
Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is in reference to your memorandum dated June 14, 1968, inquiring as to whether steps should be taken by the Bureau to arrange an interview of Mrs. Ethel Kennedy by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We understand that Los Angeles Assistant District Attorney John Hume and Sergeant Petchett and MacFarlane of the Los Angeles Police Department have been in touch with a representative of the Kennedy family to arrange an interview in connection with their investigation of the pending prosecution in Los Angeles of the suspected assassin, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. We have been advised that upon completion of any interview by the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and the Los Angeles Police Department copies of the interview will be made available. We, therefore, would hold in abeyance any decision on an interview of Mrs. Kennedy by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until the investigation has been substantially completed, and we have had an opportunity to review the results of the interview of Mrs. Kennedy arranged by the Los Angeles authorities.

cc: Deputy Attorney General

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Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson
Mr. Epstein
AAG Pollack - Civil Rights Division

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7-29-68
July 30, 1968

Mr. William Cornelius Hall
President and Chief Scientist
Chemtree Laboratories, Chemtree Corporation
Central Valley, New York



Dear Mr. Hall:

The Vice President has referred your letter of June 12, 1968 to me.

We share your concern about the violence which exists today in the United States. The Federal Government is doing all it can to find answers to the complex questions such as those posed in your letter, and to ensure the safety of all its citizens.

Thank you for your interest and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

FRIED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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John E. Rielly, White House

Mr. Lynch

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TO P - Mr. Coates

DATE 7/12/68

SUBJECT Ref to S fm VPRIELLY dtd 7/11 re 6/21 ltr fm Wm. Cornelius HALL
to VP re assassination of selected U. S. public figures.

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Prepare a Read to _____
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Draft reply for President's
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Memo for use as enclosure to reply
by White House.

Comment or recommendation.

XXXX Direct reply:

XXXX Furnish information copy under
cover of a Read to Rielly
memo.

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Suitable acknowledgment or other
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Furnish information copy of
reply, if any, under cover of
a Read to _____ memo.

XXXX Refer to White House request of
Mr. Rielly of July 11 .

FYI

XXXXXX Due in S/S by July 17 .

1. White House referrals must be
answered within 48 hours unless
otherwise noted. If deadline
cannot be met, inform S/S
immediately at extension given
below.

2. Direct replies to White House mail
must be signed at the Assistant or
Acting Assistant Secretary level.

3. Unless otherwise noted, direct
replies, depending upon the addressee
of the incoming letter, must begin:
"The President has asked me to
reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked
me to reply".

4. Basic correspondence should be
returned when draft reply,
memorandum or comment or comeback
copy for the White House is
requested.

REMARKS

COPIES TO:

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Mr. O'Donohue x7552
Secretariat Staff
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 11, 1968

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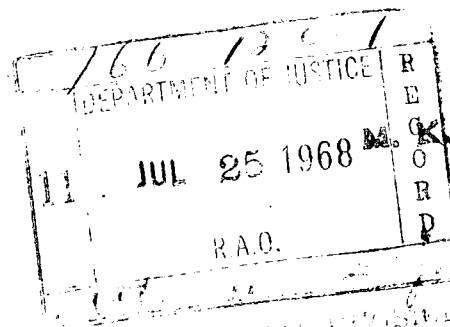
TO: Mr. Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary
Department of State

FROM: *gjr* John E. Rielly

Enclosed is correspondence received in the office of the Vice President. I would appreciate it if you would have the appropriate office reply to these and mention that the Vice President has forwarded the inquiry on for your consideration.

Please return the incoming correspondence together with a copy of your reply for our records.

Thank you.



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June 12, 1968 OFFICE OF
VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Vice President Humphrey:

Is it true that deep in the hills of Castro's Cuba, a cult of chaos creators exists, dedicated to the assassination of selected U.S. public figures, those whose death by violence will fan the flames, upsetting many and bringing about more violence?

Is there a plot, managed by skilled pros, who seek out sick stooges as tools to do their dirty deeds? Was Oswald a manipulated stooge and was he himself assassinated so that he would not talk? Is Sirhan another stooge? Was Martin Luther King slain by a third stooge? Are these people so cleverly manipulated that they are themselves unaware of being but the hand on the gun? All these are questions that run through the minds of those who have never been satisfied that Oswald was totally a loner.

The confirmed visits of both Oswald and Galt to Mexico where contact with Castro agents would be easy and of Galt to New Orleans appear suspicious. Has Sirhan visited Mexico recently? Has he been to New Orleans? Who has he seen in these past few months since he became unemployed?

If these acts have all been plots, did the same people manage all three plots. Is their base of operations in Cuba? Is it a subsidized project of the Castro government?

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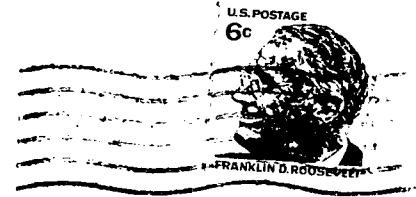
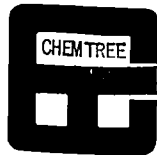
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Enclosure

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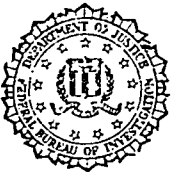
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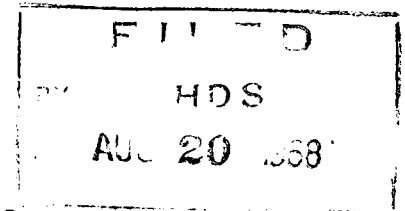


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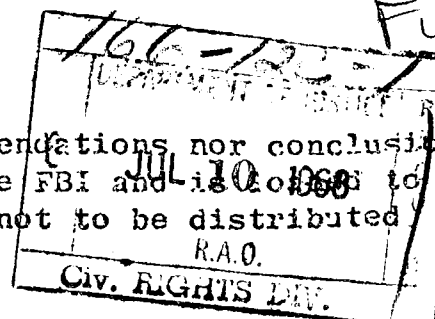
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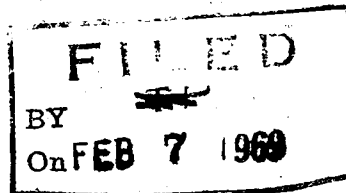


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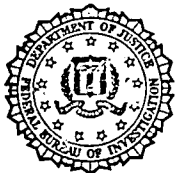
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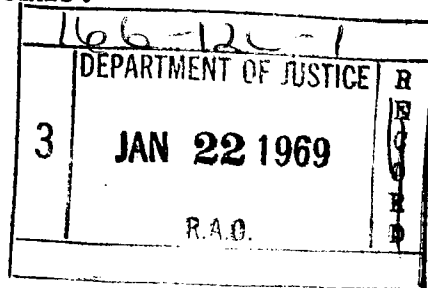
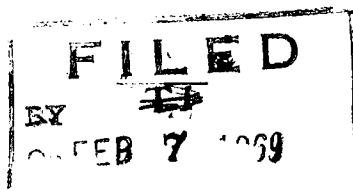
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The Los Angeles, California, Police Department advised that on June 25, 1968, Munir Sirhan, brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, was afforded a polygraph examination. It was concluded by the police department that Munir Sirhan was not involved in the assassination, but that he did lie about the purchase of the gun. (The gun used in the assassination was traced through several owners, one of whom, George Erhard, advised that he sold the gun to Munir Sirhan while Sirhan Sirhan was present. Munir had denied that he ever had ownership of this weapon.)

The polygraph examination indicated that Munir Sirhan did not accompany Sirhan Sirhan to a gun shop on June 1, 1968, when Sirhan Sirhan purchased ammunition. (A salesman at this store had stated that Sirhan Sirhan was accompanied by two as yet unidentified individuals when he purchased ammunition on June 1, 1968.)

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to authorize \$20,000 for the protection of Sirhan Sirhan and the judge and jury that will be concerned with his trial. This money will be spent to install armor-plated courtroom partitions, bulletproof glass and other security devices.

On June 23, 1968, Sirhan Sirhan appeared before Superior Court Judge Richard B. Schauer, Los Angeles, California, in order to enter a plea to the indictment pertaining to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the wounding of five other individuals. Court was convened in the chapel of the Los Angeles County Jail for security reasons.

Mr. Russell E. Parsons, who represented Sirhan, was officially substituted by the court as the attorney of record replacing the Public Defender's Office. Mr. Parsons advised the court that he was not yet

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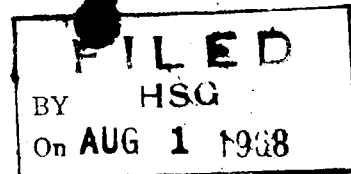
ready to have Sirhan enter a plea and he requested a three-week continuance. Mr. Parsons also requested that the court appoint Doctor George Abe, psychiatrist with the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, California, to examine Sirhan. The judge granted these requests and court was adjourned until July 19, 1968. Mr. Lynch's office was telephonically advised of this on June 28, 1968.

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Honorable Edward J. Gurney
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

July 25, 1968

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Unfortunately, the articles sent to you by Mrs. Dowd nourish the wholly inaccurate attitude by our citizens that they have done their part in the war against crime by deciding whether they are for or against the Supreme Court. Such simplistic answers do us no service in our effort to find solutions for the complicated problems we face in the war against crime.

As to the alleged failure of the Supreme Court's decisions to comport with the desires of the people, I would like to point out that it is not the function of the judiciary to express the will of

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the majority. Rather, the courts are sworn to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and to interpret them in a way that will achieve the purposes for which they were enacted.

I trust that my reply is a sufficient response to your constituent's inquiry. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, JR.
Assistant Attorney General

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Dear Attorney General:

At the request of a constituent from my Congressional District, Mrs. M. R. Dowd, P. O. Box 613, Ft. Myers, Florida 33902, I am forwarding the enclosed articles for your consideration. Your attention to these publications is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Report from the Editor

Sirhan Case Open and Shut, However —

By William R. Spear

PRETRIAL PUBLICITY. How ridiculous is much of the current concern over pretrial publicity said to be prejudicial to the defendant in criminal cases can plainly be seen in the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan — the "alleged" assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, as everyone is carefully calling him.

The California attorney general and the Los Angeles district attorney are raising sand with Mayor Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles for making statements that they claim may jeopardize the prosecution — and indeed, under some of the recent Supreme Court rulings, they may be right. Specifically they complain about Yorty's making public the contents of Sirhan's notebook in which the prisoner had written of "the necessity of assassinate (sic) Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

There is, of course, no question of Sirhan's guilt and it can be proven beyond the "reasonable doubt" that the courts require. It is known positively that Kennedy died of a bullet in the head, that the bullet came from a particular pistol, and that Sirhan held and fired the pistol. Two prominent Negro athletes in the Kennedy entourage who were on the scene, Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson, saw it happen, seized Sirhan and wrested the pistol from his grasp, fracturing his trigger finger as they did so. It is an open and shut case.

Yet so heavily have recent court decisions weighted the scales of justice on the side of criminals and so concerned have the courts become over procedural matters that the conviction of Sirhan could well be reversed, despite his indisputable guilt, if actions by the authorities can be shown to be prejudicial to his case. It has happened lately in many less publicized cases. And this softening of justice is undoubtedly a con-

tributing factor to the lawlessness abroad in this country today.

YOUNGER JUDGES

Editor, News-Press —

Most industry today requires that their employees retire at the age of 65. Not so the United States government. We have these old fogies in the Supreme Court who are living in the past. They have taken to making the laws of country rather than making an interpretation of the law. According to the Supreme Court a policeman can no longer shoot a criminal who draws a gun on him without being charged with manslaughter. You can no longer sell your property to whom you please but must sell it to the first person who meets your price. Is this the United States or Russia?

These old men are too old and feeble to have full control of their senses yet they are appointed for life. Retirement at 65 should be the rule for all members of the government. The majority of the United States population is under 50 years of age. The older men have no idea of what they think or how they feel. This is a young country, filled by young people. How can a man of 80 possibly have any knowledge of the needs of young people. The police can no longer interrogate a prisoner without the presence of the suspect's attorney.

The country is going to hell in a handbasket because of the rulings of these nine old men. There are plenty of young capable men who could fill the shoes of these oldsters. Industry would never hire one of them as they realize they are far behind the times.

Let's take some action to replace them with capable people who will return the United States to a period of sense and reason. Write to your senator and congressmen to start an amendment to the Constitution if necessary to exchange these old men with others in tune with time. I realize at 64 that I am not capable of keeping up with youngsters of 25 or 30 so how can it make sense to have feeble old men in the highest court in our land.

Their latest ruling makes it impossible to sentence a murderer to the gas chamber. Hung juries will be the answer if people who do not believe in capital punishment were to serve on juries. How silly can you get. We need capable responsible men in our courts, Senate and Congress. Let's get America on the move once more.

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